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SUBJECT: TRAVEL OF ADMIRAL JOSE T. MERINO CASTRO, CINC CHILEAN NAVY

1. ADMIRAL JOSE T. MERINO CASTRO, COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF OF THE CHILEAN NAVY AND MEMBER OF THE GOVERNING JUNTA OF CHILE HAS BEEN INVITED BY THE CHIEF OF NAVAL OPERATIONS OF SOUTH KOREA TO ATTEND 27TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS OF THE SOUTH KOREAN NAVY IN SEOUL AT THE END OF SEPTEMBER.

2. ON 22 AUGUST 1975, ADMIRAL MERINO FORWARDED A LETTER TO U.S. CHIEF OF NAVAL OPERATIONS, ADMIRAL JAMES HOLLOWAY, JR., ADVISING HIM OF HIS TRAVEL PLANS TO SOUTH KOREA, AND REQUESTING ASSISTANCE IN SECURITY AT LOS ANGELES AND HONOLULU. ADMIRAL MERINO ADDRESSED A LETTER TO ME ON 28 AUGUST OUTLINING HIS TRAVEL ITINERARY FOR THE AFOREMENTIONED KOREAN TRIP.

3. THE ADMIRAL EXPECTS TO DEPART SANTIAGO VIA BRANIFF AIRLINES AT 2000 ON 25 SEPTEMBER, ARRIVING IN LOS ANGELES AT APPROXIMATELY 0600 ON 26 SEPTEMBER. HE INTENDS TO LEAVE LOS ANGELES ENROUTE SEOUL VIA SOUTH KOREAN AIRLINES ABOUT 1000 HOURS ON 27 SEPTEMBER WITH AN INTERMEDIATE STOP IN HONOLULU, HAWAII.

4. IT IS REQUESTED THAT APPROPRIATE SECURITY AND COURTESY ARRANGEMENTS BE MADE FOR ADMIRAL MERINO'S STOPOVERS AT LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA AND HONOLULU, HAWAII.

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